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so as to render illegal the performance of service in temples by dancing girls, and that the service inam lands should be granted on ryotwari patta. No reference is made to the performance of temple service by devadasis through the male members of the family.

About twenty memorials from certain members of the Kalavantula community in the districts of Ganjam, Vizagapatam, Kistna, Guntur, Bellary and Anantapur have recently been received by the Government. These memorials do not contain any request for the amendment of the Hindu Religious Endowments Act.

(b) The Government will consider the action to be taken.

*Nominations to the Temple committees.*

\* 747 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state who the members of the Legislative Council are who have been nominated by the Government since 4th December 1926 to the membership of the temple committees?

A.—A list is laid on the table. a

\* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ Question 747 has been withdrawn since ; but, if it is the wish of the Government Member, the answer will go into the official report.”

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ I should like to answer it, Sir.”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ It is a withdrawn question. The Standing Order is that if the Government Member wishes it, the answer will go into the official report.”

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ If the question had not been put on the agenda, it would have been all right, Sir ; but since it has been put on the agenda, I propose to answer it. Otherwise it would give a wrong impression.”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ Then it will go into the official report.”

**Veterinary**

*Stipends sanctioned for the Veterinary Colleges.*

\* 748 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the number of stipends sanctioned by the Government for the Veterinary Colleges, from year to year during the last seven years, and their value ;

(b) the reason for the decrease, if any, in the number of such stipends and in the value thereof, if any ;

(c) the number of stipends awarded to students of each community in each year during the last seven years ;

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(d) the number of applicants from each community for admission into the Veterinary College and the number of students of each community actually admitted into the college for the past seven years;

(e) whether the Government are aware that the proportion of Muslim students selected this year is too inadequate and the proportion of stipends to Muslim students is still more inadequate; and

(f) whether it is a fact that good proportion of the stipends allotted by the Government is distributed among the students of the Veterinary College at Vizagapatam; if so, whether the Government will furnish the House with a statement of the proportion during the last five years?

A.—(a) & (b) From the year 1919 to the year 1923, 40 scholarships of Rs. 15 per mensem each were allowed annually at the Madras Veterinary College. In the year 1923 Government, on the recommendation of the Retrenchment Committee, reduced the annual number of scholarships to 15 of Rs. 15 per mensem each.

(c) & (d) A statement\* is appended.

(e) Of the 24 Muhammadan applicants, seven were admitted, of whom three have been given stipends out of the 15 stipends.

(f) There is no Veterinary College at Vizagapatam.

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—“ May I know whether it is proposed to increase the number of stipends from the ensuing year? ”

\* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—(After a pause) “ There is no request from the Treasury Bench for a repetition of the question.”

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ I am sorry, Sir, I was inattentive.”

\* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ The hon. Member is requested to repeat his question.”

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—“ May I know from the hon. the Minister whether it is proposed to increase the number of stipends from next year onwards? ”

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ One of the demands that have to be moved is for that purpose, and I hope it will be reached.”

*Functions and powers of the Selection Committee for the Veterinary College.*

\* 749 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Selection Committee for the Veterinary College has no defined functions to discharge and no definite powers to exercise; and

(b) whether the Principal of the Veterinary College at Madras has made any reference to the Government in regard to the Selection Committee and whether the Government will place a copy of the reference on the table of the House, with the orders of the Government passed thereon?